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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
UNDER SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Preparation of Net Assessments and the Provisions of
U. S. Force Data to the CIA

In a recent meeting the Secretary and Director of Central
Intelligence reached agreement that, beginning this year, NIE
11-3/8 and other national estimates on Soviet military forces
will display only Soviet forces. It was further agreed that
net assessments, when undertaken, would be published under the
joint auspices of the Secretary of Defense and Director of Central
Intelligence. Further, distribution of such net assessments will
be very limited and agreed to mutually.

It was agreed that there will be a brief net assessment of
U.S. and Soviet forces to be prepared on an annual basis. The
Intelligence Community and the Department of Defense will make
this a collaborative effort and the first assessment of this type
will be published immediately following the publication of NIE
11-3/8. Within DoD the Director of Net Assessment will be pri-
marily responsible for this effort. He will work closely with
other OSD staff elements and with the JCS.

Based on this agreement, no Defense Department element,
whether OSD, Services or Joint Staff, should independently under-
take to produce what might be considered a net assessment.

At the same meeting, the Secretary agreed that the Depart-
ment of Defense will provide a much freer flow of U.S. force
data to the Intelligence Community. This is necessary inasmuch
as such information is essential in helping to guide and to
inform U.S. intelligence collection efforts and analyses. The
Director of Central Intelligence, in turn, agreed that the CIA
would respect any Defense caveats on the use of any data thus
provided with regard to the publishing of such information or
its dissemination to other agencies.

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